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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 13, 2001
(Tuesday after Veterans' Day)

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 10, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

--7. A preparation as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one of the outer layer or inner(s) contains two or more drugs.

8. A preparation as claimed in claim 2, wherein the biologically non-degradable hydrophobic polymer material is silicone.--